

# **Lower Ouse & Fenland Fisheries Consultative Association**

**Meeting on Monday 3rd July 2017 @ 7.15pm  
Heron House, Prickwillow Road Ely, CB7 4TX.**

*Established 2004*

*Angling Trust membership number 631*

## ***Those attending:***

Richard Hiom (RH) (Chairman), Colin Dodd (CD) (Treasurer), Chris Middleton (CM) (EA)

Peter Mottram, Neil Everard (SWAC), Colin Dodd, Norman Knightley Alan Leonard (HAC), Peter Scragg (DMDAA), Alan Nelson (WAC), Tony Brooks (EBAC), John Pope, Miss Becky Pope (CFPAS), Andrew Stockton (MAC), Kelvin Allen (AT)

1a. ***Evacuation:*** The meeting was appraised of the fire evacuation by Chris Middleton.

## 1b. ***Apologies for absence & listing of AOB***

Paul Frost (Littleport), Paul Thomas (AT), Richard West (LAPS), Mark Leach(USSC),

2. ***Minutes of previous meeting:*** The minutes were agreed and accepted as a record.

Action points from last meeting; Flyer by John Pope, and meeting start made at an earlier time of 19:15pm. Letter from Justin Mould (fish surveys and stocking). Issues about no news of sale of EA claypit behind Heron House, (Ben Cage- Fisher German Agency?)

## 3. ***Matters Arising:***

3.1 Draft flyer generated by John Pope needs some corrections, issues with the EA logo, who are being protective of their particular logo, including the size shape and colour.

3.2 LOFFCA Facebook : There has been some positive feedback, with it being viewed as more beneficial than actual club websites.

## 4. ***No speaker***

## 5. ***Angling Trust (AT) East Anglian Forum***

Note from Paul Thomas (see separate sheet) concerning figures from Clampdown 5, licence checking and bankside patrols.

Kelvin Allen started out by telling us of activity in Peterborough concerning Eastern Europeans fishing illegally , drink and drug abuse and threats to the public. All anglers need to phone in about any incidents so that they may be logged.

Water reforms; river abstraction issues. RSPB have been unhelpful with Project Dry, and Great Fen reed management. Reeds need 6 times more water than agriculture. Great Fen project not yet complete. There will be further abstraction for future Peterborough housing.

The Angling Trust Nenescape scheme asked large numbers of licence holders to volunteer their services to help in all manner of activities, but there are problems in managing such a large number of volunteers. Tessa Carllow at AT is in place to manage these volunteers and to secure funding for this. There are plans to have a National Angling Centre, possibly in Birmingham? Tessa is also trying to secure funding for a Norfolk Broads consultancy (formerly BASG).

Forum with Martin Salter- Crucian Carp. Water quality equipment is being made available to fishing clubs on River Stour. Fishing match on Sept 17 at Ferry Meadows & Orton.

## 6. ***EA Representative***

Chris Middleton stated that fishing improvement projects should be encouraged for future funding for next year.

A slideshow was shown involving fish surveys using Aris and sonar scans at various venues in the region, including the Cut Off Channel, Counter Drain, Monks Lode, Well Creek and Old course of River Nene, and Whittlesey Dyke.

A Dace capture program was outlined with fish being taken from the River Snail and used to produce fry at Calverton Fish Farm, with the stock fish being returned to their original home.

#### ***7. Water Resources Committee***

The Old West water levels were discussed, with use of the Hermitage lock as an issue, It was stated that we need better day and night monitoring of water levels, and unnecessary local flooding of meadows was mentioned.

The ongoing problem of D.O. (dissolved oxygen) on the Ouse washes was once again discussed, with no real plan by the various governing bodies to resolve this. Apparently there need to be some change in an Act of Parliament that governs water movement here. There also appears to be some conflict of interest between the various organisations such as EA flood control, Natural England and the RSPB which appears to have the loudest voice.

#### ***8. Local Issues***

Due to the new construction project of raising the Middle Level Barrier flood bank at Welney, the River Delph has been closed for angling to Welney club members until October.

#### ***9. Any Other Business***

A Calverton Fish Farm visit is being proposed.

A temporary lack of funds of LOFFCA has prompted RH to e-mail all participating clubs to request a £10 donation. Some official action on this to be discussed at the next AGM.

Meeting closed 10.00pm

**Next Meeting - Monday 2nd Oct  
Heron House Ely CB7 4TX**

***NEW START TIME of 7pm arrival for 7.15pm start***